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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM HUNGARIAN POLITICAL
PARTY LEADER ORBAN

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¶1. Following is the text of a congratulatory message to
President-elect Obama from Viktor Orban, Chairman of Fidesz -
Hungarian Civic Union, received November 10, 2008.

¶2. Begin text

Dear Senator Obama,

I wish to congratulate you whole-heartedly on your
spectacular victory at the 2008 presidential election.

In times of hardships, the notion of change is especially
appreciated and its message falls on fertile ground all over
the world. In Europe, and particularly in Central Europe,
where Trans-Atlantic integration became a focus point under
the previous Democratic administration, a new generation of
democracies welcomes you with devoted attention as a leading
representative of a new generation of leaders who will bring
strong leadership in our value-driven co-operation on a wider
than ever range of issues.

This election has given us more opportunities than any
previous ones to focus on the United States of America, what
she represents and her unique role in the world. I
especially welcome the brave portrayal of groundbreaking
ideas that you set out in your acceptance speech. I believe
that with your leadership the United States will stand out as
a true champion of global awareness in the fields of
security, economy and environment, and will embark on new
paths regarding the role of state and community in domestic
affairs.

I would like to express my thanks for your message to the
Hungarian community on the anniversary of the 1956
revolution. Many of us value those days as the turning point
in the relations between our countries, the heart of our
common understanding and the basis for our future endeavors.

Yours sincerely,

Viktor Orban
Chairman of Fidesz - Hungarian Civic Union
Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary

End text.
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